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Elected claims 10-22 are currently pending in the application and stand rejected. Non-elected claims 1-9 and 23-27 are hereby canceled without prejudice to Applicant's ability to pursue the claims separately in a divisional application.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

Claims 10-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 10, 16, 19 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Karlsson, *et al* (U.S. Patent No. 5,819,741).

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karlsson.

Claims 13-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karlsson in view of Snell, *et al*. (U.S. Patent No. 4,791,936) or McEachern, *et al*. (U.S. Patent No. 4,094,310).

Applicant requests entry of the substitute claim set attached hereto (Appendix A) and consideration of the accompanying Remarks. Applicant's attorney states that no new matter is included in the substitute claim set. Entry of the substitute claim set makes moot the rejections noted above and should be entered without prejudice. The Remarks section, however, does briefly discuss differences between the present invention and the teachings of the references cited by the Office Action in order to support the patentability of the present claimed invention.

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Amendments In the Claims

Please cancel pending claims 10-22 and withdrawn claims 1-9 and 23-27 without prejudice, add new claims 28-71 as indicated in Appendix A attached. Applicant also reserves the right to file a divisional application incorporating the subject matter of the non-elected claims therein. In accordance with the new amendment provisions of the revised 37 CFR 1.121 announced by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 31, 2003, the additional claims use claim numbers subsequent to those already used in the originally-filed claim set.